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THE Lincoln National Life Foundation is dedicated to perpetuate an active interest in the life of Abraham Lincoln, to inspire in all a keener appreciation of Lincoln's ideals, and to contribute to Lincoln lore through original study and research.

The Foundation has brought together in its Museum at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the most complete library of literature dealing with the Emancipator ever assembled through private enterprise, and is the most extensive array of literature pertaining to any one man, Biblical characters excepted.

From its beginning, the Foundation's activities have been directed by Dr. Louis

A. Warren, one of the foremost Lincoln scholars and the author of "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood."

Bureaus and Foundation

Eight distinct bureaus have been working toward the common goal of inspiring a greater appreciation of Abraham Lincoln:

Research Bureau—Interprets the life of Lincoln as revealed in authorized public records and original manuscripts.

Library Bureau—Gathers and catalogues all classes of Lincoln literature for its reference library.

Publication Bureau—Issues a weekly bulletin, *Lincoln Lore*, and prepares historical data for release in books, pamphlets, magazines, and newspapers.

Information Bureau—Compiles, indexes, and makes available information bearing on the subject of *Lincolniana*.

Exhibit Bureau—Collects and displays in its museum manuscripts, portraits, curios, and souvenirs associated with Lincoln.

Speakers' Bureau—Provides speakers for meetings of civic clubs, school groups, church organizations, etc.

Educational Bureau—Promotes essay contests, arranges programs, and stimulates an interest in the study of Lincoln's life.

Memorial Bureau—Marks sites of historical significance, and emphasizes anniversary occasions associated with Lincoln.

Library and Museum

A display feature—The Lincoln Library and Museum—occupies the fourth floor of the beautiful Home Office building of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. An impression of the enormous amount of interesting data held and displayed here can be gained from the following list of the various collections:

Books and Pamphlets. 3,800 Lincoln volumes including the original collection of Judge Daniel Fish, one of the "big five" collectors of Lincolniana.

Magazines. More than 3,000 separate articles indexed and bound containing many stories of human interest.

Newspapers. Many thousands of vivid, interesting newspaper clippings filed according to subject material.

Broadsides. Rare documents, proclamations, government bills, special reports of famous Lincoln addresses.

Manuscripts. The Hanks papers—1,200 genealogical lists of the family of Lincoln's mother and hundreds of family letters; the Haycraft collection of 2,000 Kentucky manuscripts. Thompson collection—Indiana contemporaries of Lincoln, 1,500; copies of original court records of Lincoln's time from Washington, D. C., Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, totaling 9 loose-leaf volumes.

Autographs. Sixteen rare papers in the handwriting of Abraham Lincoln, valued at \$10,000. Letters by all the members of Lincoln's cabinets. Autographs of hundreds of Lincoln authors and associates.

Pictures. The Arthur F. Hall collection, 1,669 separate items. Mr. Hall received his first picture of Abraham Lincoln as a gift from Robert T. Lincoln when the Company was organized.

Metallic Lincolniana. Heroic bronze statue of Lincoln by Paul Manship. A wide variety of medallions and medals.

Poetry and Music. Over 100 pieces of sheet music with Lincoln as the theme or dedicated to him. Several volumes of exclusive Lincoln poems; 423 separate pieces of Lincoln poetry.

Summary. Total individual items, 10,000; grand total including manuscripts, clippings, etc., approximately 25,000.

Function

The various bureaus mentioned readily co-operate in local Lincoln projects without cost. The Museum is nationally known and is open at all times to the public. The services of this entire Foundation are placed at the disposal of every interested individual or organization as an aid to national, state, local, civic, or personal activities concerning the great Emancipator.

Interested parties should get in touch with Director Louis A. Warren, The Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana, or the local representative of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.